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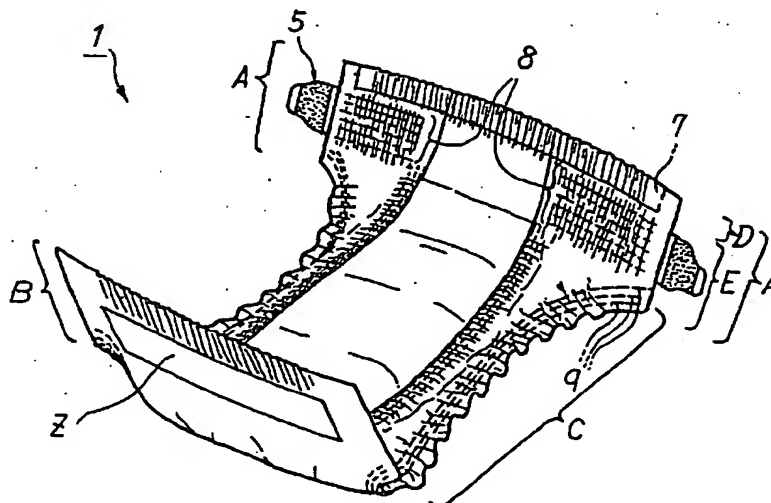
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(54) **Disposable diaper**

(57) The disposable diaper of the present invention has a substantially elongate configuration and comprises a main body having a liquid-permeable topsheet, a liquid-impermeable backsheet, and a liquid-retentive absorbent member interposed between the topsheet and the backsheet and a pair of fastening tapes provided on each side edge of the main body, the waist opening portion and the under-waist portion in the portion having the fastening tapes being provided with a waist elastic member and a plurality of under-waist elastic

members, respectively, in the width direction of the diaper, and both longer side portions of the diaper being provided with a pair of leg elastic members, wherein the under-waist elastic members are fixedly disposed in at least areas extending outwardly from each longer side of the absorbent member in their stretched state so as to manifest elastic contractibility but are not disposed in at least the middle of the area where the absorbent member exists, and the under-waist portion has a greater extension stress than the waist opening portion in the width direction of the diaper.

Fig.1





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